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**Sunday December 13, 2020** 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Repose of Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America (1837). Sunday of the Forefathers. Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes, at Sebaste (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Lucia (Lucy) of Syracuse (304). Ven. Arkády (Arcadius) of Novotorsk (11th c.). Ven. Mardárii (Mardarius), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th c.). Ven. Arsenius of Latros (8th-9th c.). Ven. Nikodemos (Romanian).

### **This Week's Schedule**

**Thursday 12/17** Study Group 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday 12/19** Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday 12/20** 28th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

*\*Please Note Services will also stream Online\**

### **Reader Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Hour</b>	<b>EPISTLE</b>
Dec-13	Reception of Converts		LEWIS
Dec-20	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Dec-25	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST		
Dec-27	DORAZIO	BUNITSKY	PECK

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 2 Troparion**     *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.  
And when from the depths You raised the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

### **Tone 2 Troparion**     *(Forefathers)*

Through faith You justified the Forefathers,  
betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles.  
These saints exult in glory,  
for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit:  
she who bore You without seed.//  
So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

### **Tone 7 Troparion**     *(St. Herman)*

O joyful North Star of the Church of Christ,  
guiding all men to the Heavenly Kingdom,  
teacher and apostle of the True Faith,  
intercessor and defender of the oppressed,  
adornment of the Orthodox Church in America:  
Blessed Father Herman of Alaska,  
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ//  
for the salvation of our souls!

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**     *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with  
You,//  
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

### **Tone 3 Kontakion**     *(St. Herman)*

The eternal light of Christ our Savior  
guided you, O blessed father Herman,  
on your evangelical journey to America

to proclaim the Gospel of peace.  
Now you stand before the throne of glory:  
intercede for your land and its people, //  
asking peace for the world and salvation for our souls.

**Tone 6 Kontakion** (*Forefathers*)

You did not worship the graven image,  
O thrice-blessed ones,  
but armed with the immaterial Essence of God,  
you were glorified in a trial by fire.  
From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying:  
“Hasten, O compassionate One!  
Speedily come to our aid, //  
for You are merciful and able to do as You will!”

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon** (*Forefathers*)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified  
is  
Your Name forever! (*Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3*)

*V. For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)*

**Tone 7 Prokeimenon** (*St. Herman*)

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (*Ps. 115:6*)

**Epistle** Colossians 3:4-11 (*Forefathers*)

*When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him  
in glory.  
Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth:  
fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is  
idolatry.  
Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of  
disobedience,  
in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.  
But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice,  
blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.  
Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his  
deeds,*

*and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.*

***Galatians 5:22-6:2 (St. Herman)***

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

*If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

*Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

*Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.*

*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

**Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**V.** *Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps. 98:6)*

**V.** *They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps. 98:6)*

**Tone 6**

**V.** *Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps. 111:1)*

**Gospel (76) Luke 14:16-24 (Forefathers)**

*Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'*

*But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'*

*And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'*

*Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'*

*And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'*

*Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'*

*'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"*

#### Luke 6:17-23 (*St. Herman*)

*And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.*

*And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.*

*Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.*

*Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.*

*Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake.*

*Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.*

#### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

*(Ps. 148:1)*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps. 32:1*)

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (*Ps. 111:6*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### ***This Week's Announcements***

***Annual All Parish Meeting Today*** Our annual parish meeting will be held today, Sunday, Dec 13th, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. We will still have options for both in person and streaming participation. We ask continued patience going forward. Please pray for our Parish Council as we navigate the pandemic safely.

***Welcome to the Newly Chrismated*** This morning we welcomed into the Church, Shawn (Alexis) and Jenn (Genevieve) Vojacsek, through the sacrament of chrismation. May our Lord bless and keep them as they begin their life in the Church. May God grant you many blessed years!

***Gift Cards for Veterans*** We are now collecting money for Acme gift cards for the needy and homeless veterans. Please give or send your checks (marked VETS) to St. Michaels. We will buy gift cards to deliver to Veterans Hospital. Contact Ellen Gundersen (ellengundersen5@gmail.com).

***Study Group this Week*** Our Study group will continue this Thursday Dec. 17 at 10:00 a.m. with chapter 16 & 17 of St. Matthew. Our group will still meet online. All are welcome to join us!

***Online Streaming Help*** We are currently look for help with our live streaming services. Please see Thaddeus (Scott) Lewis if you are willing to help.

***The Nativity Fast*** This is just a reminder that the Nativity Fast is now upon us (Nov.15th). The fast continues until the Nativity of our Lord (Dec. 25th). The celebration of the feast of the Nativity of Christ in the Orthodox Church is patterned after the celebration of the feast of the Lord's Resurrection. Please try and make an effort!

***Sacraments for Those Staying Home*** Recognizing the need for many to quarantine due to the deadliness of the pandemic, Fr. Barnabas is

available to meet individually on Wednesdays and Fridays to offer Confession and Communion for those still at home. Fr. Barnabas is also willing to meet in other creative ways , like on your porch, to assure everyone remains connected. Please email or call the office to set up a time for the Sacraments.

**Questions Everyone Should ask themselves Before coming to In-Person Worship:** Do you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, and or trouble breathing? Persistent pain, pressure or tightness in chest? Any recent loss of taste/smell or gastrointestinal upset? Any contact with anyone with C-19? **If you answer YES to any of these questions you should stay at home.**

### *Wisdom from the Holy Fathers*

*“Love your enemies in such a way that you would desire to make them your brothers”*

*-Blessed Augustine*

*“So in every test, let us say, ‘Thank you my God, because this was needed for my salvation.’”*

*-St. Paisios*

*“Do not ever succumb to the insane thought that God has abandoned you. He knows exactly how much one can endure and, according to that, measures the suffering and pains of everyone.”*

*-St. Nikolai Velimirovic (of Zicha)*

*“Let God intervene between you and your purpose, instead of letting your purpose intervene between you and God.”*

*-Mother Gavrilia*

**Prayers for the Departed:** Metropolitan Theodosius, Archbishop David, Barbara Hicks

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke Wales, Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, Stephanie Hojnicky, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Paula Daubert, Elizabeth Clause, Jamie Clause, David Telep

**Prayers for Catechmens** Kristin Mackenzie, Shawn & Jennifer Wojacsek, Andrew Ashton

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>
<b>13-Dec</b>	Sulpizi	Peck
<b>20-Dec</b>	Hojnicky/Najemj	Carey
<b>27-Dec</b>	Telep/Baldychev	Baldychev/Shatley/Sylvest

**Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind**

Annual Parish Meeting Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

***Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ***

Nativity Vigil Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.

Nativity of our Lord Divine Liturgy Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 9: 30 a.m.

Theophany of our Lord (Baptism) Jan 6<sup>th</sup>